

habits of wild birds, wild animals, and fish in inland waters, the Conservation Commission as a part of the duties imposed on it by Article 39, Section 3, of the Code, is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means it is desirable to restrict, or prohibit in any degree the provisions of law obtaining in any county in this State for the hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird, wild animal, or fish from non-tidal waters and may upon its own initiative or upon written petition of fifty licensed residents of any county propose regulations for such purpose. The full text of any regulations proposed shall be published ten days before the same may be acted upon and shall name the time and place that the matters mentioned therein will be taken up, at which time any interested citizen shall be heard. Such publication shall be made in a newspaper published in the county, and, if there be none such, in a newspaper in the adjoining county or section or in such other manner as may be convenient. If the commission is satisfied that the proposed regulation, or any part thereof is advisable, such regulation, or any part thereof, may be adopted and if so, it shall be published in the manner directed for proposing the same and shall name the date when it is to become effective. It shall be a misdemeanor to violate such regulation, or any part thereof, and any person convicted of such violation shall be fined not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars and may be sentenced to thirty days in jail, either, or both. A copy of any regulation adopted by the commission shall be mailed to the clerk of the circuit court, who shall make a record thereof and cause the same to be posted in front of the courthouse of the county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That immediately upon the taking effect of this Act, the office of the Conservation Commissioner, except as that term is used to designate a member of the Commission hereby created, shall cease, determine and terminate.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That wherever the word "Commissioner" occurs in said Article 19A, or any other law relative to the Conservation Department of Maryland, the word "Commission" shall be substituted.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all Acts or parts of Acts heretofore enacted not inconsistent herewith shall be in full force and effect.